

# **EXHIBIT A**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Index No.: 601588/06

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LAIDLAW ENERGY GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

**VERIFIED ANSWER**

-against-

CRESCENT FUND, LLC, ATTICUS INVESTMENTS,  
LLC, JEFFREY STONE and JANETTE DILLER STONE,

Defendants.  
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Defendants Crescent Fund, LLC, Atticus Investments, LLC, Jeffrey Stone and Janette Diller Stone, by their attorneys, Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP, as and for their verified answer to the verified complaint, allege the following upon information and belief:

1. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "1" of the verified complaint.

2. Admit that Crescent is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business located at 40 Wall Street, New York, New York. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "2" of the verified complaint.

3. Admit that Atticus is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located at 40 Wall Street, New York, New York. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "3" of the verified complaint.

4. Admit that Stone is a resident of the State of Connecticut and is an officer of Crescent and Atticus. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "4" of the verified complaint.

5. Admit that Diller Stone is a resident of the State of Connecticut and is the President and CEO of both Crescent and Atticus. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "5" of the verified complaint.

6. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of the verified complaint.

7. Admit that on or about July 21, 2005, Crescent entered into a consulting agreement with Laidlaw and beg leave to refer to that agreement for the true content and meaning thereof. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "7" of the verified complaint.

8. Admit that on or about July 21, 2005, Atticus entered into an agreement with Laidlaw and beg leave to refer to that agreement for the true content and meaning thereof. Except as so admitted, deny each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "8" of the verified complaint.

9. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "9" of the verified complaint.

10. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "10" of the verified complaint.

11. Admit that on or about August 5, 2005, Laidlaw delivered to Crescent 1,700,000 shares of its common stock. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph "11" of the verified complaint.

12. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "12" of the verified complaint.

13. Paragraph "13" of the verified complaint states legal conclusions to which no response is required.

14. Admit that on or about August 4, 2005, Crescent provided Laidlaw with a letter and beg leave to refer to that letter for the true content and meaning thereof. Except as so

admitted, denies each and every other allegation contained in paragraph "14" of the verified complaint.

15. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "15" of the verified complaint.
16. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "16" of the verified complaint.
17. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "17" of the verified complaint.
18. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "18" of the verified complaint.
19. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "19" of the verified complaint.
20. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "20" of the verified complaint.
21. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "21" of the verified complaint.
22. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "22" of the verified complaint.
23. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "23" of the verified complaint.
24. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "24" of the verified complaint.
25. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "25" of the verified complaint.
26. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "26" of the verified complaint.
27. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "27" of the verified complaint.
28. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "28" of the verified complaint.
29. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "29" of the verified complaint.
30. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "30" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

31. Defendants repeat and reallege each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "30" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.

32. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "32" of the verified complaint.
33. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "33" of the verified complaint.

- 34. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "34" of the verified complaint.
- 35. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "35" of the verified complaint.
- 36. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "36" of the verified complaint.
- 37. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "37" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

38. Defendants repeat and reallege each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "37" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 39. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "39" of the verified complaint.
- 40. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "40" of the verified complaint.
- 41. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "41" of the verified complaint.
- 42. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "42" of the verified complaint.
- 43. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "43" of the verified complaint.
- 44. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "44" of the verified complaint.
- 45. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "45" of the verified complaint.
- 46. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "46" of the verified complaint.
- 47. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "47" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

48. Defendants repeat and reallege each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "46" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 49. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "49" of the verified complaint.
- 50. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "50" of the verified complaint.
- 51. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "51" of the verified complaint.
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- 56. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "56" of the verified complaint.
- 57. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "57" of the verified complaint.
- 58. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "58" of the verified complaint.
- 59. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "59" of the verified complaint.
- 60. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "60" of the verified complaint.
- 61. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "61" of the verified complaint.

- 62. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "62" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 63. Defendants repeat and reallege each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "62" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 64. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "64" of the verified complaint.
- 65. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "65" of the verified complaint.
- 66. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "66" of the verified complaint.
- 67. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "67" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 68. Defendants repeat and reallege each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "67" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 69. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "69" of the verified complaint.

70. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "70" of the verified complaint.
71. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "71" of the verified complaint.
72. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "72" of the verified complaint.
73. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "73" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A RESPONSE TO THE SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

74. Defendants repeat and recollect each response to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "73" of the verified complaint, as if fully set forth at length herein.

75. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "75" of the verified complaint.
76. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "76" of the verified complaint.
77. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "77" of the verified complaint.
78. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "78" of the verified complaint.
79. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "79" of the verified complaint.
80. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "80" of the verified complaint.
81. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "81" of the verified complaint.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

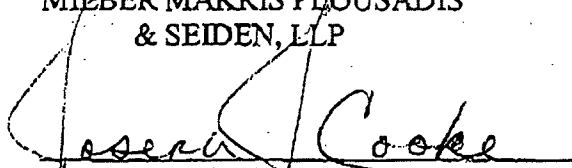
82. The Complaint fails to state a cause of action against defendants.

WHEREFORE, defendants Crescent Fund, LLC, Atticus Investments, LLC, Jeffrey Stone and Janette Diller Stone, demand judgment:

- (A) Dismissing the verified complaint;
- (B) Awarding it the costs and disbursements of this action; and
- (C) Awarding it legal fees and such other and further relief that this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: Woodbury, New York  
July 14, 2006

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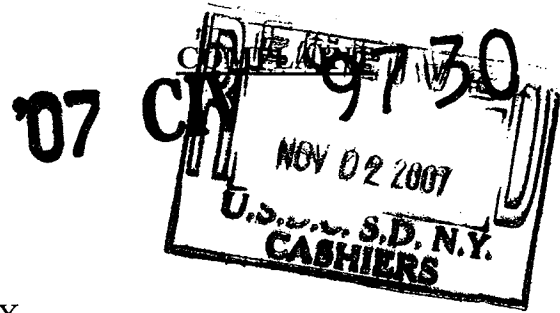


# **EXHIBIT B**

**JUDGE PATTERSON**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK-----X  
ATTICUS MANAGEMENT LLC

Plaintiff,

-against-

ATTICUS INVESTMENTS LLC,  
CRESCENT FUND, LLC, JEFFERY STONE  
and JANETTE DILLER STONEDefendants.  
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Plaintiff, Atticus Management LLC, ("Plaintiff"), by its attorneys, Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, as and for its complaint against Defendants, Atticus Investments LLC ("Atticus Investments"), Crescent Fund, LLC ("Crescent"), Jeffery Stone ("Stone") and Janette Diller Stone ("Diller Stone"), avers as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This action arises under the Lanham Trademark Act 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051 et seq. ("the Lanham Act"). Accordingly, this Court has federal question jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1221 and 28 U.S.C. 1338(a). This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) because those claims are so related to the federal claims brought herein as to form part of the same case or controversy.

2. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendants reside and/or maintain a principal place of business in this district within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c).

**PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is an active foreign limited liability company, formed on February 25, 1998 in Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153.

4. Plaintiff is the successor in interest of Atticus Partners, L.P., the original owner and registrant of the mark "ATTICUS." Plaintiff, which is the general partner to Atticus Capital LP, is the owner of the registered U.S. Federal Trademark "ATTICUS," Registration Number 2,098,746, International Class ("IC") 036 for use in connection with financial services, namely investment fund management. Plaintiff's first use of its mark "ATTICUS" in commerce was on January 1, 1996.

5. The "ATTICUS" trademark registration received incontestability status on or about November 14, 2003.

6. Atticus Capital LP is a top New York based investment management firm with offices in London, England and over \$18 billion under management as of September 30, 2007.

7. Crescent is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal of business located at 40 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Upon information and belief, at all times material, Crescent was and remains a private equity consulting and promotional firm that purports to provide corporate capitalization and investor relations consulting services to both established and emerging companies.

8. Atticus Investments is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located at 40 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Upon information and belief, since the time of its formation, Atticus Investments has allegedly served as the financing arm of The Crescent Fund.

9. Upon information and belief, Jeffery Stone and Janette Diller Stone are both citizens and residents of the state of Connecticut, with a principal place of business located at 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005.

10. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Stone is an officer, director and/or principal of Crescent and Atticus Investments. At all relevant times, Stone has had direct involvement and participation in both companies' daily activities and operations.

11. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Diller Stone is President and CEO of both Crescent and Atticus Investments, with direct involvement and participation in both companies' daily activities and operations.

12. Upon information and belief, while both Crescent and Atticus Investments purport to have other officers and directors, Stone and Diller Stone control both entities. As such, neither Crescent nor Atticus Investments can enter into any agreement with any third-party without the express approval of Stone, Diller Stone, or both.

13. Defendants are individuals or business entities, who upon information and belief, are acting in concert and active participation with each other in committing the wrongful acts alleged herein.

#### **CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS**

14. Defendants Stone and Diller Stone have been accused of illegal activity, including but not limited to securities fraud in violation of numerous provisions of federal securities laws.

15. On September 21, 1999, Defendant Stone pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and commercial bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. §371, and two counts of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 1343 and 1346. See United States v. Jeffrey Stone, 97-Cr-01034 (JSM).

16. On the basis of Defendant Stone's guilty plea, he was sentenced to three years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

17. Stone has been described in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Litigation Release as a "recidivist securities law violator." see Exhibit A.

18. On August 16, 2006, a complaint was filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") charging Defendants Stone, Diller Stone and Crescent with securities fraud. See SEC v. Jeffery Steven Stone; Janette Diller Stone; Crescent Fund, LLC. et al. Case No. 06-CV-6528 (S.D.N.Y. filed August 17, 2006).

19. The complaint makes multiple references to Atticus Investments' role in the market manipulation scheme alleged against Defendants Stone and Diller Stone.

20. The SEC made multiple attempts over the course of months to serve Defendants Stone and Diller, which the Defendants evaded.

21. The SEC action is currently pending and the pleadings filed with the Court in that action are currently available to the general public.

22. On May 5, 2006, a complaint was filed by Laidlaw Energy Group, Inc. in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, charging Defendants Stone, Diller Stone, Crescent and Atticus Investments with Fraudulent Inducement, Fraud and Intentional Misrepresentation, Unjust Enrichment and Conversion for their alleged role in illegally trading restricted stock. See Laidlaw Energy Group, Inc., v. Crescent Fund, LLC, et al. Index No. 06/601588 (N.Y. Sup. filed May 5, 2006).

23. Defendants filed a Verified Answer, in which they admit that Stone is an officer of Crescent and Atticus Investments and Diller Stone is President and CEO of both Crescent and

Atticus Investments. Defendants further admit to holding themselves out under the name Atticus, with a principal place of business in New York, New York.

24. This Laidlaw action is currently pending and the pleadings filed with the Court in that action are currently available to the general public.

### ALLEGATIONS

25. On or about, March 14, 2007, Plaintiff learned that Atticus Investments was using the service mark "ATTICUS" and doing business under that name.

26. On August 8, 2007, Plaintiff sent a Cease and Desist Letter to what was believed to be the Defendants' place of business, as well as their place of residence. The letters requested that Defendants cease using the "ATTICUS" mark in any manner in any place that it does business in order to eliminate the likelihood of confusion and possible inaccurate affiliation with Atticus Management. The letters were sent via regular mail and certified mail with a return receipt requested. The letters were all returned to sender.

27. On August 23, 2007, Plaintiff sent a second round of Cease and Desist letters to the Defendants.

28. On or about August 28, 2007, Plaintiff's Counsel received a copy of the August 23, 2007 Cease and Desist letter (which was sent to Atticus Investments LLC at 67 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005) with a handwritten response from Stone in which he denies using the name Atticus for approximately two years, describes it as "dormant entity," and claims Atticus is "a different name altogether." see Exhibit B.

29. On October 1, 2007, Plaintiff's Counsel received a copy of the August 23, 2007 Cease and Desist letter (which was sent to 362 Davis Ave. #1, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830, which upon information and belief is Defendant Stone and Diller Stone's residential address)

with another handwritten response from Stone that read, "We are Atticus Investment LL [sic] not Atticus Management LLC..." see Exhibit C.

30. Defendants are using the name "ATTICUS," which is Plaintiff's federally registered service mark.

31. As of the date of filing of this complaint, the Pennsylvania Department of Corporations lists the Defendant Atticus Investments' status as "Active." see Exhibit D.

32. At all relevant times, defendants have refused any and all attempts to comply with Plaintiff's request that Defendants cease and desist use of the "ATTICUS" mark and provide Plaintiff with written assurance that Defendants will cease and desist use of the "ATTICUS" mark.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**FOR FEDERAL TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**

33. Paragraphs 1 through 32 are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

34. Plaintiff owns the federally registered service mark "ATTICUS", entitled to protection under the Lanham Act.

35. Defendants' use of the mark "ATTICUS" constitutes an unauthorized use of the mark in commerce and is likely to cause consumer confusion.

36. Defendants' conduct constitutes trademark infringement in violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1114(1) and Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**FOR CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**

37. Paragraphs 1 through 36 are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

38. Defendant Crescent was aware of the Defendants Stone, Diller Stone, and Atticus Investments' unauthorized use of the "ATTICUS" mark.

39. Defendant Crescent benefited from the unauthorized use of the mark "ATTICUS" in the form of Crescent's financing arm, Atticus Investments.

40. Defendant Crescent's conduct constitutes contributory trademark infringement in violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1114(1) and Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**FOR UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER THE LANHAM ACT**

41. Paragraphs 1 through 40 are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

42. Plaintiff owns a valid, federally registered trademark entitled to protection under the Lanham Act.

43. Defendants' unauthorized use of the mark in commerce is likely to cause consumer confusion as to the origin or sponsorship of Defendants' services and the association of Defendants' services with Plaintiff or Plaintiff's services.

44. Defendants' conduct constitutes a false designation of origin in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).

45. Defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1114(1).

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**FOR COMMON LAW UNFAIR COMPETITION**

46. Paragraphs 1 through 45 are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.



47. Defendants' unauthorized use of the Plaintiff's mark in commerce is likely to cause consumer confusion and induce consumers to believe that the Plaintiff and Defendants or their services are affiliated.

48. Defendants have misappropriated Plaintiff's mark, reputation, and good will through their actions.

49. Even after explicitly being informed of their unauthorized use, Defendants continue to engage in an unauthorized use of the Plaintiff's mark.

50. Defendants have acted deliberately and with bad faith.

51. Defendants have engaged in unfair methods of competition in violation of the common law.

52. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff is likely to be vulnerable to a damaged reputation because of consumer confusion as to the origin or sponsorship of Defendants' services and the association of Defendants' services with Plaintiff or Plaintiff's services, and loss of profits.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**FOR DILUTION UNDER N.Y. Gen Bus. Law §360-1**

53. Paragraphs 1 through 52 are repeated and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

54. By virtue of Defendant Stone's prior conviction and involvement in illegal activities and the pending charges against Defendant Diller Stone, the Defendants' unauthorized use of plaintiff's rightfully held mark "ATTICUS" in association with services of a similar nature to those of Plaintiff impairs the mark's ability to serve as a unique identifier of the plaintiff's services and impairs the mark's ability to carry associations of quality.

55. Defendants' conduct has diluted the conclusively presumed distinctive quality of Plaintiff's incontestable mark and/or has a likelihood of injury to Plaintiff's business reputation in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §360-1.

56. Defendants' conduct constitutes blurring and tarnishment, in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §360-1.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment in its favor and against Defendants as follows:

A. A permanent injunction, prohibiting each Defendant, its agents, servants, employees, officers, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, from:

1. infringing, or causing any other entity to infringe, Plaintiff's trademark and/or service mark rights by doing business under the name "ATTICUS" or representing themselves in any way using the name "ATTICUS" alone or in conjunction with any other names or words.
2. unfairly designating the origin of Defendants' products and/or services, or otherwise creating confusion regarding the origin of Defendants' services.
3. unfairly competing with Plaintiff in any manner whatsoever;
4. acting, or causing another entity to act, in any manner likely to dilute, tarnish, or blur the distinctiveness of the "ATTICUS" mark;
5. causing a likelihood of confusion or injuries to Plaintiff's business reputation.

B. A declaratory judgment that Defendants have infringed on Plaintiff's federally registered trademark, "ATTICUS."

C. An order directing each Defendant, its agents, servants, employees, franchisees, licensees, attorneys, and all others in active concert or participation with Defendants to deliver to Plaintiff any agreements between Defendants and any other party or parties that relate to the use of the ATTICUS mark in any way whatsoever;

D. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1116, an order directing each Defendant to file with this Court and serve on Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of the injunction, a report in writing, under oath, that describes in detail the manner and form in which each Defendant has complied with the orders of this Court;

E. An order directing an accounting to determine all gains, profits, savings, and advantages obtained by each Defendant as a result of its wrongful actions;

F. Awarding restitution to Plaintiff of all gains, profits, savings, and advantages obtained by each Defendant as a result of its wrongful actions;

G. Awarding Plaintiffs all damages caused by each Defendant's wrongful actions;

H. Awarding Plaintiffs treble the amount of its damages, together with the costs of this suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and prejudgment interest;

I. Awarding Plaintiff an amount sufficient to conduct a corrective advertising campaign to dispel the effects of Defendants' wrongful conduct and confusing and misleading uses of the mark "ATTICUS;"

J. Awarding Plaintiff punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter other and future similar conduct by Defendants and others;

K. Granting Plaintiff such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

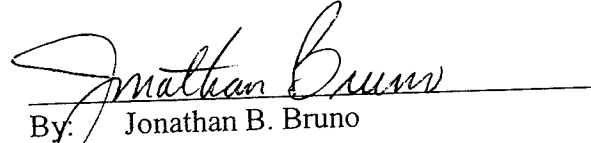
**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

Dated: New York, New York  
November 2, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

KAUFMAN BORGEEST & RYAN LLP

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**EXHIBIT A**

**U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission****U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****Litigation Release No. 19805 / August 17, 2006*****SEC v. Jeffery Steven Stone, et al.*, Case No. 06-CIV-6258 (HB)  
(S.D.N.Y. filed Aug. 17, 2006)****SEC Charges Ex-Con in Stock Manipulation Scheme Involving San Francisco-Based Tech Company**

The Securities and Exchange Commission today charged a former felon and his wife with orchestrating a fraud scheme to inflate the price of WebSky, Inc., a San Francisco-based penny stock company, using spam email. The couple pocketed more than \$1 million in proceeds as a result of the scam.

The Commission's complaint alleges that Jeffery Steven Stone of Greenwich, Connecticut, and his wife, Janette Diller Stone, using entities they controlled, acquired massive amounts of WebSky stock under false pretenses, hired stock promoters to hype the stock in false spam emails, and then dumped their shares into the unsuspecting market. Stone is a recidivist securities law violator, having been convicted of fraud in a prior market manipulation scheme and found liable in civil proceedings by the Commission.

According to the complaint, Stone and Diller bought 288 million shares from WebSky based on false promises that the shares were being acquired for investment purposes and not as a means of distributing shares to the public. Within days, the two began selling the shares to third parties. Stone and Diller also engineered a spam email campaign that falsely portrayed WebSky - a start-up Internet company with virtually no revenues or profits - as having a successful joint venture in Argentina that would result in over \$40 million in annual revenues. In reality, WebSky's CEO had forbidden them from sending the spam email and informed them that WebSky's Argentina deal was no longer viable.

The complaint alleges that, as a result of Stone and Diller's fraud, WebSky's stock price soared by over 300% on trading volume almost 20 times greater than normal, after which Stone and Diller sold their WebSky shares. Combined with proceeds from other stock sales during the scheme, Stone and Diller received more than \$1 million in proceeds.

The Commission also brought charges against WebSky and its CEO, Douglas Haffer, of Oakland, California, for selling WebSky shares in a subsequent transaction to an entity controlled by Stone and Diller without registering the transaction or securing an exemption from registration. Subject to court approval, WebSky and Haffer have agreed to settle the action, without admitting or denying the allegations, by disgorging the \$35,000 received in the sale and consenting to a permanent injunction

against future violations of the registration provisions of the federal securities laws. Haffer also has agreed to pay a \$25,000 civil penalty.

The complaint, filed in federal court in New York, New York, charges Stone and Diller with violating the antifraud, registration, and other provisions of the federal securities laws. The complaint also names two entities controlled by the Stones, Crescent Fund, LLC, based in New York, New York, and Pedracar, Inc, a Pennsylvania company.

<http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2006/lr19805.htm>

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## **EXHIBIT B**



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August 23, 2007

**VIA REGULAR MAIL AND  
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Janette Diller  
Atticus Investments, LLC  
67 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

Re: Cease and Desist use of "ATTICUS" mark

Dear Ms. Diller:

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Unless such assurances are received within ten (10) days, we will have no choice but to take appropriate action to protect our client's interests. Please be advised that this letter shall not be deemed to be a waiver of Atticus Management LLC's rights or remedies, which are expressly reserved.

Should you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

KAUFMAN BORGEESE & RYAN LLP

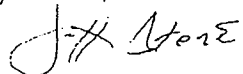
  
Jonathan B. Bruno

Encl.  
cc: Atticus Management LLC  
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*Jonathan:*

*Firstly, you are full of shit. We have not used the name Atticus for approximately 2 years. Essentially, a dormant entity and further, a different name, altogether. Do what you have to do. You are wasting time.*

*Very Truly Yours,*



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Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

Reg. No. 2,098,746

Registered Sep. 23, 1997

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SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

ATTICUS

ATTICUS PARTNERS, L.P. (DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)  
153 EAST 53RD STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

FIRST USE 1-1-1996; IN COMMERCE  
1-1-1996

SER. NO. 75-057,544, FILED 2-13-1996

FOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES, NAMELY INVESTMENT FUND MANAGEMENT, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

DAVID H. STINE, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

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### Business Name History

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ATTICUS INVESTMENTS LLC	Current Name

### Limited Liability Company - Domestic - Information

<b>Entity Number:</b>	3309635
<b>Status:</b>	Active
<b>Entity Creation Date:</b>	5/26/2005
<b>State of Business.:</b>	PA
<b>Principal Office Address:</b>	% NATIONAL CORPORATE RESEARCH LTD
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# **EXHIBIT C**



Purchased/Filed: November 2, 2007

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE ON A CORPORATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

State of New York

U. S. District Court

Southern Dist. County

Atticus Management LLC

Plaintiff

against

Atticus Investments LLC, Crescent Fund, LLC; et al

Defendant

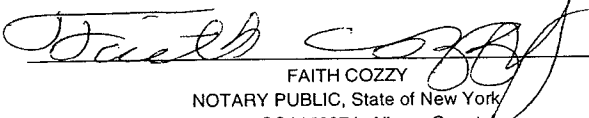
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COUNTY OF ALBANY ) SS  
CITY OF ALBANY )**DESCRIPTION OF PERSON SERVED:**Approx. Age: 45 Yrs.Weight: 120 Lbs. Height: 5' 0" Sex: Female Color of skin: WhiteHair color: Brown Other: \_\_\_\_\_


Robin Brandow, being duly sworn, deposes and says: deponent is over the age of eighteen (18) years; that on November 29, 2007, at 11:30am, at the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in the City of Albany, New York deponent served the annexed Summons in a Civil Action and Complaint on Atticus Investments LLC, the Defendant in this action, by delivering to and leaving with Carol Vogt, AUTHORIZED AGENT in the Office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, personally at the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, one (1) true copy thereof and that at the time of making such service, deponent paid said Secretary of State a fee of 40.00 dollars; That said service was made pursuant to Section LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW §304.

Deponent further says that deponent knew the person so served as aforesaid to be the agent in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, duly authorized to accept such service on behalf of said defendant.

Sworn to before me on this

29th day of November, 2007

  
 FAITH COZZY  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
 No. 01CO6158874, Albany County  
 Commission Expires Jan 8, 2011

  
 Robin Brandow

Invoice•Work Order # 0723625

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Summons in a Civil Action and Complaint onCrescent Fund, LLC, theDefendant in this action, by delivering to and leaving with Carol Vogt,

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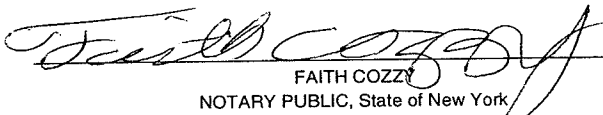
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Sworn to before me on this

26th day of November, 2007

  
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 Robin Brandow

Invoice-Work Order # 0723624

**Affidavit of Process Server**

United States District Court Southern District of New York

Atticus Management LLC vs. Atticus Investments, LLC 07 CIV 9730  
 Crescent Fund, LLC. Jeffrey Stone ? JANETTE DILLER-STONE

I declare that I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen and not a party to this action.

Service: I served Janette Diller-Stone

with the (document(s)) Summons with attached documents totaling 49 pages

by serving Janette Diller Stone SELF

at X Home 362 DAVIS Ave, Unit 3, Greenwich CT

O Business

on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2007 at 9:15 A.M.

Thereafter copies of the documents were mailed by prepaid, first class mail on

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Manner of Service: X By personally delivering copies to the person/authorized agent of entity being served.

O By leaving, during office hours, copies at the office of the person/entity being served, leaving same with the person apparently in charge thereof

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Service Attempts: Service was attempted on ( ) DATE TIME ( ) DATE TIME ( ) DATE TIME  
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained herein is true and correct and this affidavit was executed on

November 13, 2007 at Greenwich CT

Catherine Harkness  
SIGNATURE OF PROCESS SERVERState of  
County ofsubscribed and sworn before me, a notary public, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL TO

James N. Oulundsen  
NOTARY PUBLICJames N. Oulundsen  
Notary Public  
State of Connecticut  
My Commission Expires

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# **EXHIBIT D**

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Joseph J. Cooke, Esq.  
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Woodbury, New York 11797

Re: Atticus Management LLC v. Atticus Investments LLC et al.  
United States District Court, Southern District of New York  
Civil Action No.: 07 CV 9730 (RPP/AJP)

Dear Mr. Cooke:

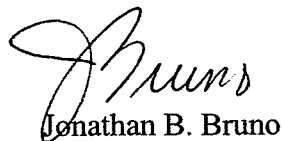
We represent Atticus Management LLC in the above referenced action against Atticus Investments LLC, Crescent Fund, LLC, Jeffery Stone and Janette Diller Stone. We understand that you represent the aforementioned defendants in the action entitled "Laidlaw Energy Group, Inc., v. Crescent Fund, LLC, Atticus Investments, LLC, Jeffery Stone and Janette Diller Stone," New York Supreme Court, County of New York, Index No. 601588/06.

We are requesting that you accept service on behalf of your clients, or alternatively, that your clients waive service, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. We have enclosed copies of waivers of service for each defendant.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

KAUFMAN BORGEEST & RYAN LLP

  
Jonathan B. Bruno

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December 11, 2007

Jonathan B. Bruno  
Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP  
99 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Re: Crescent Fund  
Our File No.: 812-A

Dear Mr. Bruno:

We are not authorized to accept service on behalf of Crescent Fund, LLC, Atticus Investment, LLC, Jeffrey Stone or Janette Diller Stone. Accordingly, we return the documents forwarded along with your November 21, 2007 letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph J. Cooke'. The signature is written over the typed name 'Joseph J. Cooke'.

Joseph J. Cooke

JJC: lf  
Enclosure

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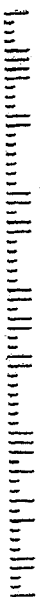
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# **EXHIBIT F**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

JEFFERY STEVEN STONE; JANETTE  
DILLER STONE; CRESCENT FUND,  
LLC; PEDRACAR, INC., WEBSKY,  
INC.; and DOUGLAS HAFFER

Defendants.

Hon. Harold Baer, Jr., District Judge:

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ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has moved this Court for an order allowing alternative service of process upon Jeffery Steven Stone ("Stone") and Janette Diller Stone ("Diller") pursuant to Rule 4(f)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has presented declarations and other information in support of its application to show that Stone and Diller have evaded service; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2007, pursuant to the Hague Convention, the Commission sent a request to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs ("Japanese Ministry") to serve the Stones at what is believed to be a current Tokyo address; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has represented to the Court that the Japanese Ministry normally takes between four and six weeks to respond; and

WHEREAS, the alternative service requested does not appear to violate any international agreement; it is hereby

ORDERED that the Commission has shown that it has made reasonable efforts to serve Stone and Diller through ordinary process pursuant to Federal Rule 4; and it is further

ORDERED that should the Commission not receive word from the Japanese Ministry by March 26, 2007, that, for good cause shown, pursuant to Federal Rule

4(f)(3), the Commission may serve Defendants Stone and Diller by the following alternative means:

1. Send via e-mail a PDF copy of the summons and complaint in this manner to "crescentfund@crescentfund.com" (with a carbon copy e-mail to "jrdiller@crescentfund.com" and "jeffs@crescentfund.com") with the subject line "IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING SEC v. STONE, et al.";
2. Send via express mail a copy of the summons and complaint in this matter to:  
Joseph Cooke, Esq.  
Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP  
1000 Woodbury Road  
Suite 402  
Woodbury, NY 11797

3. Send a copy of the summons and complaint in this matter by regular U.S. Mail to:

Jeffery Steven Stone  
Janette Diller Stone  
c/o Crescent Fund  
67 Wall Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10005.

; and

ORDERED that the service listed above shall be sufficient pursuant to Federal Rule 4(f).

**SO ORDERED.**

March 5, 2007  
New York, New York

  
U.S.D.J.